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SUBJECT: MORE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARIANS DENIED ENTRY TO EAST
BERLIN; ISSUE DEBATED IN BERLIN HOUSE

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SUMMARY: LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES SEVEN
CDU AND CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WERE DENIED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN
BETWEEN JANUARY 15 AND 19. HOWEVER, TWO CDU DEPUTIES ENTERED
EAST BERLIN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY JANUARY 17. LOCAL BERLIN POLITICAL
OBSERVERS CONTINUE TO STATE THEY BELIEVE REASON FOR DENIAL OF
ENTRY STEMS FROM GDR NERVOUSNESS OVER SPIEGEL MANIFESTO. MISSION
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR DENIAL IS MEETING OF
CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS AT REICHSTAG WHICH LED TO HEATED EX-
CHANGE BETWEEN GOVERNING MAYOR AND OPPOSITION CDU LEADER. END
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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, A TOTAL OF SEVEN CDU AND CSU
BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN
SINCE JANUARY 15. IN ADDITION TO CDU CHAIRMAN HELMUT
KOHL AND CSU DEPUTIES NIEGEL AND GLOS, (REFS A AND B) BUNDESTAG
DEPUTIES PETERSEN, JENNIGER, PRANGENBERG AND REGENSPURGER
WERE DENIED ENTRY JANUARY 16 AND 17. ON THE OTHER HAND,
WEST BERLIN PRESS REPORTED JANUARY 19 THAT TWO CDU

DEPUTIES, DAWEKE AND KOLB ENTERED EAST BERLIN WITH THE S-BAHN VIA FRIEDRICHSTRASSE WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES JANUARY 18. BOTH DEPUTIES TOLD THE PRESS SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THEY ASSUMED THEY WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER EAST BERLIN THROUGH OVERSIGHTS OF THE GDR BORDER PERSONNEL.

2. EVEN THOUGH CSU DEPUTY REGENSPURGER WAS SPECIFICALLY TOLD BY EAST BERLIN GUARDS THAT HE WAS BEING REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE "ILLEGAL MEETING" OF THE CDU/CSU FRAKTION IN WEST BERLIN, MOST WEST BERLIN POLITICAL OBSERVERS (PRESS AND POLITICAL ALIKE) CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE COMMON LINE THAT GDR REFUSAL TO PERMIT CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES TO ENTER EAST BERLIN IS RESULT OF NERVOUSNESS AND INSECURITY IN THE GDR LEADERSHIP STEMMING FROM PUBLISHING OF THE SO-CALLED SED OPPOSITION MANIFESTO. BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN LORENZ, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPRESSED THIS VIEW TO ALLIED SENAT LIAISON OFFICERS JANUARY 18, AND GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE IN PUBLIC STATEMENT AT ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 19 AND DURING PARLIAMENTARY AKTUELLE STUNDE JANUARY 20 OBSERVED THAT REFUSAL TO ADMIT KOHL REFLECTS UNCERTAINTY OF GDR LEADERSHIP VIS-A-VIS ITS OWN POPULATION. (DETAILS OF STOBBE'S ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.) SAME LINE IS FOLLOWED IN MOST PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON SUBJECT.

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2. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TURN UP ANY EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY GROUP OF WEST BERLINERS OR FRG CITIZENS OTHER THAN THE MEMBERS OF THE CDU-CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS IS BEING REFUSED ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN BY EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES. THIS, TOGETHER WITH SOVIET PROTEST AND ADN PIECE CONVINCE US THAT PRIMARY REASON FOR TREATMENT OF KOHL AND HIS COLLEAGUES IS GDR CLAIM THAT MEETING OF CDU-CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS AT REICHSTAG IS ILLEGAL BECAUSE AGENDA ITEMS DO NOT RELATE TO BERLIN TOPICS.

4. DURING AKTUELLE STUNDE IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JANUARY 20 CALLED TO DISCUSS THE GDR'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT KOHL AND OTHER BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES TO ENTER EAST BERLIN, CDU FLOOR LEADER HEINRICH LUMMER AND CHAIRMAN PETER LORENZ CRITICIZED THE SENAT AND FRG FOR HAVING FAILED TO DEVELOP AND EMPLOY CONCRETE COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST THE GDR WHICH HAD, IN CDU VIEW, FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRG. CDU SPEAKERS RIDICULED SENAT SPOKESMAN WHO EARLIER THIS WEEK HAD INDICATED IT WAS UNCLEAR WHICH AGREEMENTS, IF ANY, GDR HAD VIOLATED; CDU SPEAKERS DID NOT, HOWEVER,

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STATE WHICH TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS THEY FELT WERE INVOLVED. CDU ALSO ACCUSED SPD-FDP COALITION OF FOLLOWING A POLICY OF "ONE-SIDED DETENTE" WHICH OBLIGATES THE WEST TO OBSERVE STRICTLY AGREEMENTS WITH THE EAST, BUT ALLOWS THE EAST TO VIOLATE THOSE SAME AGREEMENTS WITH IMPUNITY. CDU SPOKESMAN ALSO CRITICIZED GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE FOR HIS APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS TO HOLD ALL-PARTY DISCUSSION TO "RESOLVE DIFFERENCES" ON BASIC BERLIN QUESTIONS AND TO WORK OUT COMMON POLICIES FOR COUNTERING SOVIET AND GDR EFFORTS AT UNDERCUTTING BERLIN'S STATUS AND RIGHT TO MAINTAIN TIES WITH THE FRG. FINALLY, LUMMER SHARPLY ATTACKED GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE FOR ALLEGEDLY HAVING OPPOSED PUTTING GDR VIOLATIONS OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS CONCERNING BERLIN ON THE TABLE AT THE HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

5. RESPONDING FOR THE SPD, CAUCUS FLOOR LEADER FRANZ
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EHRKE AND BERLIN SPD CHAIRMAN GERD LOEFFLER DEVELOPED THEME THAT SPD WAS UNAWARE OF ANY FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THREE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ON BASIC QUESTIONS CONCERNING BERLIN. ERHKE CRITICIZED CDU FOR ITS APPARENT DESIRE TO ADOPT HARDER LINE AGAINST GDR IN FACE OF GDR MOVES TO RESTRICT CONTACT BY THE CITIZENS OF TWO HALVES OF CITY AND NATION. ERHKE ARGUED THAT DETENTE POLICIES OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENTS IN BONN AND BERLIN WERE DIRECTED AT FURTHERING HUMAN CONTACTS DESPITE THE RESISTANCE OF THE EAST GERMAN REGIME; TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT CURTAIL THESE CONTACTS WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING AND PLAY DIRECTLY INTO THE EAST'S HANDS.

6. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT; GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE CATEGORICALLY REJECTED CHARGE LEVELED BY LUMMER THAT HE HAD OPPOSED PUTTING BERLIN QUESTIONS ON TABLE AT BELGRADE. STOBBE SAID HE HAD FAVORED SUCH AN ACTION AND WELCOMED LATEST FRG DELEGATIO DECISION TO RAISE BERLIN ISSUES AT BELGRADE TALKS (REFTEL C). WHAT HE HAD OPPOSED, STOBBE SAID, WAS CDU PROPOSAL THAT SENAT REPEAT SENAT RAISE ISSUES AT BELGRADE BECAUSE THIS WOULD HAVE REINFORCED EAST BLOC CLAIM THAT WEST BERLIN IS INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ENTITY. STOBBE ARGUED THAT THEN AS NOW, BERLIN'S INTERESTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MUST BE REPRESENTED BY THE FRG. RESPONDING SPECIFICALLY TO LORENZ' CHARGE THAT FRG HAD FAILED TO REACT APPROPRIATELY TO GDR EXCLUSION OF KOHL AND OTHER BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES, STOBBE ANGRILY POINTED OUT THAT FRG, WHICH IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH BERLIN PROBLEMS OF THIS SORT, HAD PROTESTED THE GDR'S ACTIONS IN BOTH BONN AND EAST BERLIN.

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7. COMMENT: EXCHANGE BETWEEN CDU AND SPD MEMBERS OF HOUSE ON THIS ISSUE WAS ONE OF THE SHARPEST WE HAVE SEEN SINCE STOBBE CAME TO OFFICE. GEORGE

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